

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 6, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan McDonough
Robert Jones
Barbara D'Angelo

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was begun with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Sessions

None.

Correspondence

Forty (40) pieces of correspondence were noted as received. A list of the correspondence as well as the individual pieces of correspondence is available for public inspection.

Minutes

None.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer/Secretary Betty Randzin read the Treasurer's report, which is available at the Township Building for review. Twenty-five (25) invoices were presented for consideration (totaling \$83,536.61), which incorporated a breakdown of the PLGIT expenditures (totaling \$4,029.36). Discussion was held as to certain of the invoices, including the membership fees for the Brandywine Conservancy (tabled from last month) and Brandywine Valley Associates. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors decided to table the Brandywine Valley Associates invoice and to deny the membership fee invoice for the Brandywine Conservancy membership (of which the Township had not been a member since 2007). It was further noted that the \$50,586.51 invoice for the Glen Moore Fire Co. Relief Association was a pass through. Due to a new formula used by the Commonwealth, the Relief Association would be receiving a larger pass through contribution this year. It was further noted that Chairman McDonough no longer had any conflict of interest with respect to invoices or charges related to inspections of the Camp Indian Run development, a letter to the same effect to be submitted to the Township Secretary. The same was confirmed by the Township Solicitor. At the conclusion of the discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that twenty-four (24) invoices be approved for payment, together with

the ratification of the PLGIT invoices, in the amount of \$82,836.61. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Pennsylvania State Police

Supervisor Jones provided the report for the State Police, which is available for examination at the Township building. No major incidents were reported. One burglary was reported. Supervisor Jones discussed this matter with the State Police; it involved a minor burglary where the suspect was known to the victims and the victims chose not to press charges upon investigation. Supervisor Jones noted that, since last year, the number of reported burglaries has significantly reduced (down from the average of four under the Brandywine Regional Police.

Glenmoore Fire Company

Scott Welker of the GMFC was present to provide a report, a copy of which will be emailed to the Township. The GMFC is in the process of finalizing its purchase of a new fire engine. The financing for the vehicle was discussed (some of which is further noted in the budget section below). Mr. Welker also confirmed that the GMFC has reviewed and is ok with the language of the draft False Alarm Ordinance.

EMC

EMC Mac Kirkpatrick was present to provide a report. A representative of the Chester County Department of Emergency Services, Jeff Emmons, was also present to give a presentation as to the emergency planning and response services provided through CCDES.

DARC

Jill Givler provided the report for DARC. Discussion was had as to the extent of DARC use of various playgrounds and other school facilities within the Township. DARC and the School Districts are in the process of rotating use of the different school facilities from year to year. Chairman McDonough noted that the Township is open to all ideas as to additional recreational use that the Township could provide.

Wallace Trust

Supervisor D'Angelo provided the report of the Trust. It recently held its volunteer dinner meeting, with the featured speaker being Molly Morrison of the Natural Lands Trust.

Municipal Authority

Supervisor D'Angelo provided the report of the Authority. It did not meet last month and does not meet again until next week. Discussion ensued as to the update to the Indiantown Road sewer project. The Township Secretary noted that the electrical permits are all ready to be picked up so that the work can be done and inspected, but the contractor has not done so. The contractor has not paid the application fees (\$300 per permit) for doing so and apparently has

taken the position with the residents that it is their responsibility to pay this fee. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township Fee Schedule be revised such that the grinder pump electrical inspection fee be reduced to \$60 per grinder pump, effective immediately. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Solicitor Crotty noted that he would additionally present a revised Resolution to that effect for approval by the Township at its next meeting.

Historical Commission

No report.

Park and Recreation Board

Nanette Harvey provided the report of the Park and Rec Board. The PRB is continuing to look for new volunteers and anyone interested should contact the Township. The next scheduled event is the Halloween Party and Parade. It will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Wagenseller Park. Halloween trick or treating will be held on Monday, October 31, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both events will be mentioned in the Township Newsletter, which is expected to go out next week. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township authorize the expenditure of \$66.00 to Oriental Trading for the various prizes, together with the expenditure of \$600 for the DJ and other supplies for the event. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Township Secretary will contact the GMFC and State Police regarding the various road closures.

Trails

Dorothy Kirk provided the report of the Trails Board. Discussion was held as to the status of the various trails, including the Brandywine Hill trail and the Camp Indian Run trails. Various signs and minor clearing is needed with respect to these trails. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved to authorize the payment of \$290 to Barking Dog for the Camp Indian Run trail signs, together with the expenditure of \$650 to Edwards Landscaping for brush hog services related to the Brandywine Hill trail. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Township Solicitor and Secretary were requested to inquire as to whether the charges for the Brandywine Hill expenditures be drawn down upon from the posted financial security.

EAC

No report.

Planning Commission

PC Member James Mackrell was present on behalf of the Planning Commission and noted that it had nothing to report.

Old Business

- a. Deer Hunting: The Township Secretary noted that several additional applications for the archery only deer hunting of Alice Park. However, four (4) of the applicants were not Township residents (two (2) of whom were Township employees). After discussion, the Supervisors noted that the hunting of Alice Park should remain a primary privilege of the residents. Supervisor Jones then moved to approve the resident-applicants for archery only hunting of Alice Park. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- b. Brandywine Hunt Club: John Williams of the Brandywine Hunt Club attended the meeting and provided the monthly report of the BHC. Over the past month, four (4) deer were harvested from the Township properties, with the meat being donated to various food banks. All signage has also been posted.
- c. Office Equipment – Copier: The Township Secretary presented the Supervisors with the materials and quotes for the various copiers and pricing available. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve the purchase of the copier and copier services from Rothwell Documents at a price of \$6,417.91. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Township Secretary would contact Rothwell to discuss the per-copy charges that might be applicable, for discussion by the Township at its next meeting.
- d. False Alarm Ordinance: As the GMFC has noted its agreement with the language of the draft False Alarm Ordinance, the same is ready for advertisement. Supervisor Jones moved that the Township advertise the False Alarm Ordinance for advertisement and adoption at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on November 3, 2011. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- e. Road Repairs and Equipment: The Township Secretary noted that the recent road project has been completed. The Township Engineer has reviewed the invoice of Martin Paving and has recommended its approval. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township authorize the payment of the Martin Paving invoice in the amount of \$191,358.20 with approx. \$120,000 to be paid from the Township's Liquid Fuels account, to the maximum extent permitted, and the remainder to be drawn from the General Fund. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Additionally, an invoice in the amount of \$726.82 was received relative to the jointly owned chipper (owned with East Brandywine Township and West Brandywine Township). The Road Foreman will address this issue at the next meeting, and the Township Secretary was requested to inquire as to concluding the joint ownership arrangement. Supervisor Jones thus moved that the invoice in the amount of \$726.82 be tabled. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Next, Chairman McDonough noted that the purchased backhoe is expected to be delivered shortly. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township authorize

the payment in the amount of \$75,695.00 for the backhoe from Plasterer Equipment Company, Inc. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Next, the Township Secretary noted that the painting of the Township building is scheduled to take place on October 7, 2011.

Lastly, in light of the Road Foreman's upcoming vacation schedule, a discussion was held as to engaging and/or utilizing an outside contractor in the event that a snow event occurred during that time. Chairman McDonough noted that he would reach out to certain contractors to discuss, so that the issue could be raised at the next BOS meeting.

New Business

- a. Resident with Historic Resource: A resident who owns the former Wallace General Store has requested a letter of support for his efforts to have the building placed on the National Historic Register. The Supervisors noted that they supported this effort and requested that the Township Secretary draft a letter to indicate the same.
- b. November BOS meeting: The Township Secretary noted that, at the beginning of the year, the November BOS evening meeting was moved to the second Thursday of the month, 11/10/11, in order to accommodate the scheduling of the Chester County Association of Township Officials' meeting. CCATO, however, has now decided to move its meeting to the second Thursday in November as well. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township advertise a special meeting on November 3, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. (with the November 10, 2011 meeting to be cancelled). Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The advertisement will be incorporated into the notice for the False Alarm Ordinance, so that it will not result in any increased advertising costs to the Township.
- c. 2012 Budget: The Supervisors engaged in an in-depth discussion and preparation of the 2012 budget. Discussion was held as to making advance payments of the Township contributions for the years 2013 – 2017, less 2%, in order to obviate the need for the GMFC to take out a 5% private loan to finance the purchase of the fire engine. The GMFC would look into the idea, which it preliminarily favored and much appreciated. Included in the budget discussion, the Supervisors noted that it is not their intent to make payments to the Elverson Ambulance Corps. until its litigation with the Uwchlan Ambulance Corps. is concluded. Thereafter, all aspects of the budget were discussed. Using conservative revenue projections, the Supervisors prepared a budget that required no Township real estate tax and was projected to result in a surplus of \$5,291. The budget will be further discussed at the next BOS meeting.
- d. October BOS morning meeting: In concluding the discussions on the budget, the Supervisors discussed the cancellation of the October 20, 2011 morning meeting. Supervisor Jones moved that the October 20, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting be cancelled. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comment

A. None.

Adjournment

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor D'Angelo, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Secretary/Treasurer

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